## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## STATE OF ARIZONA

## SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 07-017

**TO:** School District Superintendents, County School Superintendents, Principals, and Head Teachers

**FROM:** Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent

**DATE:** September 14, 2006

**SUBJECT:** September 15, 2006 Basic calculations for Equalization Assistance Report (APOR 55 - 1) and

Equalization Assistance and Additional State Aid Detail Report (APOR 64) - FY 2007 School Year

The September 15, 2006 apportionment reports applicable to the FY2007 equalization payment for your school district are posted on your district's home page on the ADE web site (<a href="http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp">http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp</a>). If you need help finding or viewing these reports please contact the ADE Training and Support Group at 602-542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

The following items have been included in the September 15, 2006 APOR calculations:

- ADMS data: These student counts reflect the results of the FY 2006 reprocessing of student detail data. Contact the Data Analysis team at 602.542.5695 or by email at (<a href="mailto:SchoolFinance@ade.az.gov">SchoolFinance@ade.az.gov</a>) if you have concerns regarding the student counts. If you require SAIS technical assistance, please complete the request form available on the System Training and Response (STaR) Team webpage at: <a href="http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/STaR/">http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/STaR/</a>. FY2006 Student Detail data successfully processed by ADE as of August 31, 2006.
- District Sponsored Charter School ADMS: Student Counts are based on FY2007 estimated counts submitted by August 18, 2006.
- **FY 2006 Growth Correction**: Per School Finance Memorandum #06-078, the FY 2006 Sudden Growth has been recalculated based on the ADM, SPED, and ELL data submitted by the district between May 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006. Reports are available for your review on the FY2006 portion of your district's home page on the ADE web site (<a href="http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp">http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp</a>). All positive and negative adjustments appear on the September 15, 2006 APOR64-1 report.
- Rapid Decline, Audit Expense Adjustment, and Type 03 HS Tuition: All adjustments are based upon the data included in the district's adopted/revised budget successfully submitted to ADE as of August 1, 2006. Please check the submission status of your budgets and budget worksheets. Per A.R.S. 15-901 (E), FY 2007 Adopted Budgets must be submitted electronically to the Arizona Department of Education by July 18, 2006. Instructions for checking the submission status can be located at <a href="http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/FAQs/Default.asp">http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/FAQs/Default.asp</a>. If you have questions related to budget submission, please call Rachel Arroyo at (602) 364-1990 (Rachel.Arroyo@azed.gov), Mike Barragan (602) 542-8249 (Mike.Barragan@azed.gov), or Allan Hackett (602) 542-4271 (Allan.Hackett@azed.gov).

## • New Legislation:

- 1. The Base Level Amount (BLA) has been increased to \$3,133.53 (\$3,172.70 when including teacher's compensation). Of this dollar amount, \$72.51 is to be expended on salary and benefit increases for non-administrative personnel.
- 2. The Kindergarten Add-On weight has been included on page one of the APOR55-1 report.
- 3. The support level weights for MDSSI, OI-SC, and ED-P have all been increased.
- 4. The Transportation Revenue Control Limit (TRCL) may be capped. Per ARS §15-946 as amended by Laws 2006, 2nd Regular Session, Chapter 361, Section 2, the FY2007 TRCL may not exceed the FY2006 TRCL if the FY2007 TRCL would exceed 120% of the FY2007 Transportation Support Level (TSL).

For further information on the above mentioned legislative changes, please see Laws 2006, HB2874, Chapter 353 at <a href="http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/47leg/2R/laws/0353.htm">http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/47leg/2R/laws/0353.htm</a> and USFR Memo #233 at <a href="http://www.auditorgen.state.az.us/ASD/PDF/School%20Districts/Manuals/USFR%20Memo%20223.pdf">http://www.auditorgen.state.az.us/ASD/PDF/School%20Districts/Manuals/USFR%20Memo%20223.pdf</a>.

If you have any questions regarding the content of your reports please contact Lori Damanti at 602.542.3303 or by email at <a href="mailto:Lori.Damanti@azed.gov">Lori.Damanti@azed.gov</a>. Any questions or concerns may also be emailed to the School Finance Inbox at <a href="mailto:schoolfinance@azed.gov">schoolfinance@azed.gov</a>.